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January 6, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE COASTAL TRAIL AND BEACH ACCESS PROJECT

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to you in support of the San Mateo County Parks' Department application for grant funding for the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail Project. A Coastal Conservancy grant of \$250,000 will match California State Park Bond Act grant funds to fully underwrite the project.

Over 125,000 visitors come to the James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve annually to experience the unique habitats and rich species diversity of the Reserve. With such a distinctive habitat, the Reserve provides unique and important educational and interpretive opportunities for all.

These attendance numbers pose both opportunities and challenges for the Reserve. The high volume of visitors provides for increased marine environmental and science education opportunities but also presents serious challenges in managing the environmental impacts of those visitors. The long-term goal of improving and diversifying the access to the Reserve is to inspire and educate students and visitors, foster protection of the Reserve and its fragile ecosystem.

This project will support public access by hikers, equestrians, and cyclists on a 1,500-foot-long ADA-accessible trail segment that will fill a gap in the thirteen miles of California Coastal Trail in mid-coast of San Mateo County.

The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is one of California's most significant coastal resources and that is why it requires safe and accessible routes to bring visitors through the Reserve and to resources within the Reserve without posing threats to natural or cultural resources.

I thank you for your attention to this matter. If I or my office may be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, David Burruto, at (650) 340-8840.

Sincerely,

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Exhibit 4: Project Letters
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January 7, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE COASTAL TRAIL PROJECT

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I enthusiastically support San Mateo County Department of Park's \$250,000 grant application for construction of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail. The project supports the Department's long term vision for interpretation, recreation and other visitor amenities at the Reserve.

More than 125,000 people visit the James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve each year to view the Reserve's intertidal life, including about 23,000 students from more than 100 local schools. These visitors need safe, accessible and low impact recreational and education opportunities at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve that protect the fragile native inhabitants.

This Coastal Trail project will greatly enhance visitor access to the very popular Fitzgerald Marine Reserve from a new 1,500-foot-long multiple-use section of California Coastal Trail that includes a bridge over San Vicente Creek. The trail will easily accommodate the large number of pedestrians, people walking leashed dogs, bicyclists and equestrians that enjoy this area.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Hill
Assemblymember, 19th District



SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

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January 18, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco;


On January 12, 2011 the San Mateo Planning Commission approved the San Mateo County Parks plan to improve a trail at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. This is very exciting because the plan includes an ADA accessible trail along the eastern rim of the park. This multiuse trail will be tied into the California Coastal Trail. The San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities has been a strong and vocal supporter of this plan for many reasons and is now hoping to help secure funding with this letter to you.

Using government statistics there are approximately 140,000 people in our county with disabilities. The largest group of that number have mobility challenges and cannot get out and hike Montara Mountain or jog on the local beaches. To be able to visit a local county park that allows one to travel slowly through the fern groves, watch the birds in the cypress or watch the waves washing over the tide-pools cannot be overvalued.

Of our 18 commissioners we have two who have never been to a beach. Both of them are in heavy electric wheelchairs. When asked to comment on the trail Ben McMullen from Center for Independence said, "Accessibility to any public space is crucial, it promotes both physical wellness as well as includes all citizens in the fabric of life." Jessica Mammone said, "Having access to the beauty of Coastal California is a benefit most residents enjoy, but ensuring accessibility to those who are barred due to disability is a responsibility we owe those individuals. All California citizens are entitled to enjoy the beauty of this unique reserve."

The Commission hopes that San Mateo County Parks can secure funding and begin this project soon.

Sincerely,


Susy Castoria,
President of the Commission on Disabilities

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December 7, 2010

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Parks Foundation, I am writing to support Coastal Conservancy funding for the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail.

The long term vision for the Reserve is engaging programs that instill a stewardship ethic that stays with the visitor forever. Inspiring and educating visitors, fostering protection of the Reserve and increased preservation of our ocean ecosystem is the ultimate impact of the educational programs at the Reserve.

Providing safe access so that visitors from the San Francisco Bay Area, California, other US States and world travelers as well as the numerous school groups that visit each year can learn and be inspired is critical to the mission of inspiring stewardship.

The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail project will also improve access for those with limited mobility. While the Reserve is known for its tide pools, it also offers numerous vistas of the ocean. The project will provide an access for those with limited mobility to view a harbor seal haul-out and birthing area as well as safe access along a creek with native plants and bird populations.

We are lucky to live on the California coast but we know it is not ours alone to enjoy. It is a national and international treasure. Conservancy funding for this treasure will help the efforts to protect it so that we may continue to share it with those who visit from other states and countries.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Julia Bott
Executive Director



December 15, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, it is my pleasure to write a letter in support of funding for the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail being submitted to the California State Coastal Conservancy by the San Mateo County Department of Parks.

The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve (FMR) in Moss Beach, CA receives over 100,000 visitors annually. Our Volunteer Naturalists lead 5,000 school children on interpretive tours of the tide pools at FMR. Improvements to the trail, along with the installation of a permanent bridge over San Vicente Creek, will provide safe and reliable access to the Seal Cove portion of FMR where many of the tide pool tours begin. Improvements to the trail will also provide multi-use access by accommodating pedestrians, equestrians, and cyclists.

In conclusion, the Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve fully support the efforts of the San Mateo County Department of Parks as they seek funding to provide safe access across San Vicente Creek and improve the California Coastal Trail between North Lake Street and Cypress Avenue in Moss Beach, CA.

Sincerely,

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Ellen Gartside
President, Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve

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Patricia Erickson

P.O. Box 6

Moss Beach, CA 94038

March 6, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman

Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway

Oakland, CA 94612

Mr. Douglas Bosco

I am writing to support the appeal A-2-SMC-11-010 (Fitzgerald Marine Reserve) the section of Dardenelle Trail nearest the fern grove / wetland area.

The Dardenelle Trail is unlike other open space that has been developed – it is a Reserve that needs to be protected.

The location of the proposed bridge entering / existing into a residential area needs to be relocated into the parking lot already present in the Reserve.

I am certain you will consider these concerns and raised issues prior to your vote of acceptance of the ruling of no substantial issue and the adoption of the stated findings.

Sincerely,



Patricia Erickson

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